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Notes from The Director's Office

As we prepare again to celebrate Christmas, our minds are preoccupied with thoughts of war, preparations for defense, internal economic problems and adjustments, and worst of all, the necessity of planning and organizing for the care of casualties which would result from the explosion of an atomic bomb over New York. These are grim thoughts. They appear inconsistent with the teachings of Jesus and the Prophets. And yet these thoughts and the actions which must be taken have been forced upon us by an unconscionable and pagan force which would annihilate our way of life.

At this period we must pause and refresh our souls with a renewed appreciation of the origins of the Christmas traditions. It will fortify us against the trying and difficult days ahead and give us strength to resist all evil forces.

We here at the Hospital can be thankful that our ethical duties are so clear and well defined. In these disturbing days we can redouble our efforts on behalf of our patients in the true spirit of Christmas and thereby contribute toward fulfillment of the promise: "On earth peace, good will toward men."

Henry Z. Preis, M.D.



... OUR PATIENTS WRITE

"There are no ways or words I can find to express my sincere gratitude to all of the nurses, helpers and the doctors who cared for me during my period of illness at The New York Hospital. The unbelievable willingness on the part of the nurses and helpers to be of assistance to me and all the other patients in M-5 was very heart-warming and made me feel that in our very great land it doesn't matter that much if you are rich or poor. There are always individuals who will try to be understanding.

"Please extend this thought on my part to all of the people connected with M-5."

Yours very truly,
(Mrs. Frances Di Sanza)

Dr. R. G. Stillman Dies After Long Illness

Hosts of Centerites were saddened last month by the death of Dr. Ralph G. Stillman, former director of Central Laboratories. Dr. Stillman, who passed away Nov. 16 at his home in Kent, Conn. after a long illness, had retired in September, 1948, after more than 40 years of service to the Hospital. A member of the Medical College faculty for almost as long a period, Dr. Stillman was assistant professor of medicine (clinical pathology) at the time of his death.

It was under Dr. Stillman's leadership that the Central Laboratories developed into the large, complex organization that it is today. During the 10-year period in which he directed the Central Laboratories, the Hospital Blood Bank grew from a small unit to one of the most valuable adjuncts to the clinical departments of the Hospital. Regarded as an authority in the field of blood transfusions, Dr. Stillman was just recently named president emeritus of the American Association of Blood Banks. He served as liaison officer between that organization and the American Red Cross. He was a past president of the Society for the Study of Blood. In 1941 he organized and conducted a Plasma for Britain Bank and later, when the United States entered the Second World War, he set up a plasma bank for our defense and disaster units. Through his efforts, the Central Laboratories staff was trained as a disaster unit within the Hospital in case of emergency.

Dr. Stillman's association with the Hospital dated back to 1907, when he became an intern in the House of Relief on Hudson Street soon after receiving his M.D. from Columbia. In 1912 he was appointed clinical pathologist, a post he held up to the time of his retirement. In 1920 he was appointed assistant director of the Division of Laboratories under Dr. William J. Elser, whom he succeeded in 1938 when his chief retired.

Many doctors and nurses on the staff who were graduated from the Medical College and School of Nursing were students in his courses in clinical pathology and microbiology.

Dr. Stillman had been superintendent of clinical laboratories in the New York City Department of Health since his retirement from the Hospital staff.

THE COVER

THE PULSE staff wishes you all a merry and bountiful Christmas . . . that's the complete "story" behind this month's cover. To help us convey this wish, *Ginny Di Vita* played herself behind the information desk and Santa . . . why who else but *Eric* could play that role?

What Shall We Wear For Christmas?

Nobody but nobody but The New York Hospital always has so much holiday glamour. And who's to take a bow for proving that a hospital, like a smart girl, can be a Christmas Queen on a budget? Why, nobody but nobody but all of us.

What we are leading up to (with apologies to Gimbels for stealing their "line"), is that it's time to "deck the halls" of NYH again.

With boughs of holly or any other live greens, including trees, ruled out as fire hazards under a city ordinance, producing good-looking decorations will be a challenge to our ingenuity. And while past Christmases have demonstrated that we are ingenious, let's not rest on our laurels.

This year's contest offers six awards for the most attractive Yuletide decorations: to one patient floor each of Main, M, N, and P Buildings, to one Clinic, and to one unit not covered in these categories.

Decorations will be judged on the basis of ingenuity, low cost, most co-operative participation of patients and staff groups on patient floors and clinics and the greatest number of employees participating in other than patient units. Entries must be in by 5 P.M. on Monday, Dec. 18.

As we go to press, the names of the judges have not been announced but they will make their rounds on Thursday.
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Majority At Center Vote "Yes" On Social Security; Begins January 1

Retirement protection under Social Security will begin January 1 for those of us who voted "yes" in the recent polls conducted at the Center and for all employees who are hired in the future.

New Recovery Unit Extends Range Of Care

A post-operative recovery unit comprising 16 beds has been opened on F-11 to receive all patients in the Main Hospital immediately following surgery in which general or spinal anesthesia has been used.

To provide for the establishment of the unit, the bed complement of F-11 has been reduced from 48 beds to 32 beds. Opening of 14 low-priced private rooms on L-3 and the conversion of two private rooms on the 12th floor of Baker Pavilion to semi-private accommodations offsets this reduction.

Miss Helma Fedder, formerly supervisor in surgical nursing, is now supervisor of the recovery unit.

The new recovery unit is successor to a single, small recovery room on the 10th floor to which only pavilion patients were sent. The latter was opened during World War II when the shortage of nurses made it difficult to give adequate immediate post-operative care on the pavilions.

Here's an interesting note: the records of the Hospital disclose a recovery unit was first recommended back in 1805.

While only a two-thirds majority was necessary, 94% of us who voted in the Hospital poll, including Nursing School and Westchester Division personnel, and well over 80% of us who cast our ballots with the Medical College said we wished to be included in the benefits of Social Security.

Extension of Social Security to Center employees was made possible by the action of the Board of Governors of The Society and the Trustees of Cornell University who agreed to pay their tax if we voted to have our tax deducted from our salaries for this old-age insurance.

With the present payroll, Social Security for employees of the Center will cost the Hospital more than \$100,000 a year and the University, with a lesser number of employees, \$16,692 a year.

By amendment to the Retirement plan of the Hospital, passed by the Board of Governors on November 14, the Hospital will pay to those who voted for Social Security the present Retirement Plan benefits less one-half of the Social Security benefits, beginning January 1. As has already been explained in a leaflet which went to all of us on the Hospital payroll, this amendment to the Retirement Plan will be of material financial aid, since the Social Security tax we pay will purchase additional insurance for us and our families.

The cost to the Hospital to support both Social Security and the amended Retirement Plan will exceed \$300,000 per annum.



New Pulse Beats

Space was at such a premium in the last issue that THE PULSE was unable to announce the names of recent additions to the reportorial staff.

These newest news "snoops" who promise to keep you well-supplied with tidbits about their departments are: Mrs. Caro Syer, Lying-In; Laura F. Quinlan, Payne Whitney; Joan Reilly, X-Ray; Joan Riker, Nursing School, and William McGovern, Protection.

WESTCHESTER HONORS A FRIEND

This memorial plaque to Dr. Hermann J. Boldt and a tablet of generous donors to The New York Hospital-Westchester Division were formally presented at ceremonies in White Plains on Nov. 27. Dr. Boldt, a distinguished surgeon who was long a friend of the Hospital, bequeathed his estate to the Westchester Division for a Memorial Pension Fund for employees. Presentation of the bronze plaque and tablet, the work of Anthony de Francisci, was made by Dr. Harry T. McMahon, a friend of the late surgeon and the sculptor.



Chair Presentation To Miss Parker Highlights Service Award Dinner

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In an unprecedented honor to a member of the nursing staff, Miss Bessie A. R. Parker, associate director of the Nursing Service and associate dean of the School of Nursing received a President's Chair for her "outstanding services" to the Hospital at ceremonies during the Service Anniversary Award Dinner on November 14. Miss Parker, who will retire next June, has been a member of the staff of the Center since 1932.

Presentation of the Chair was made by John Hay Whitney, president of The Society of the New York Hospital, who explained that only on rare occasions has it been given to persons other than doctors (who have served on the staff for a year or more) and to retiring presidents of the Board of Governors.

A total of 49 men and women who have served the Center for 15 or more years were honored at the affair, 15 being awarded gold pins for 25 years of service and 34 receiving silver pins for completing 15 years on the staff. In presenting the pins, Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones told the group that since the annual award dinners were inaugurated four years ago, 514 staff members have been honored for long service to the Center; 151 have served for 25 or more years and 363 for 15 or more years.

The response for the group was made by Dr. Preston A. Wade, associate attending surgeon to the Hospital and associate professor of clinical surgery at the Medical College, who received his 25-year award.

Dr. Wade noted the similarity between the feeling a person has for his alma mater and the feeling long-service staff members have for the Center.

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Hint to Wearybones: Try Our Gift Shop

Only eight more shopping days to Christmas. . . .

If you're scurrying around like a mad hatter at this point, you'll probably appreciate this reminder about the Hospital Gift Shop's holiday merchandise. The Gift Shop is stocked to the roof with all manner of presents ranging in price from \$1 up. If you're stumped about that hard-to-buy present, the Gift Shop gals will be delighted to offer suggestions. Take a look at the cards and holiday wrapping supplies, too.

CHRISTMAS CONTEST

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day, Dec. 21. The winners and runners-up will be featured in a special January issue of THE PULSE.

Last year's prize winners were G-2, F-12: Elevator No. 22, N Building; OPD, M Building; 6 South, Payne Whitney, and Accounting Department, with honorable mentions going to H-4; G-8; N-4; M-1; 7 South, Payne Whitney, and Manager of Accounts Office.

Chef Harris Dies In 33rd Year On Job

The Nutrition Department is mourning the passing of Adolphus Harris, Private Patients Chef, who died Dec. 1 in his 33rd year of service to NYH.

Known to all as Harry, he was first employed to do "inside work for the winter" in the kitchen of the old Hospital and he worked in this capacity for about eight months. He then became assistant to Charles Watson, the chief chef of the Hospital, from whom he learned how to cook. In 1922, he was placed in charge of the preparation of food for private patients and nurses.

When the Hospital moved uptown, he was made chef at the Nurses' Residence and six months later was put in charge of food preparation for the private pa-

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THE MAYOR AND A MAIDEN



One of the first official acts of Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri following his recent election was to endorse the United Hospital Fund's campaign for \$3,500,000 on behalf of the 80 voluntary hospitals throughout the city. He is shown here giving his contribution to Dorothy Wood, staff nurse on F-16. This picture was flashed on television screens during a recent two-hour fund-raising marathon program in which the m.c., Art Ford, and a bevy of nurses accepted donations by telephone. Miss Wood and Lilli Degan, private duty nurse here, helped answer the phones.

NYH Loses 22 More To Armed Forces

Since the last issue of THE PULSE went to press, 22 more staff members have gone into service, bringing the total to 44 who have been called to the colors since the start of the Korean conflict. The latest group includes 11 doctors, all but one of whom were assistant residents; three general staff nurses, and seven members of the non-professional staff.

Members of the resident staff called to duty include Drs. Paul Bronstein, William Andrews, Peter Dineen, Henry Cleveland, Robert Dow, Manuel Furer, Charles Hamilton, Lester Shultis, John W. Mason, and Lyman Fulton. Dr. Ben Selling, intern in pathology, also has gone. The nurses are: Margaret Bagwell, Mary Lois Connolly, and Elizabeth Calder.

The Hospital has also lost the services of Richard Boone, Information; Frank Krulish and Roger J. Brennan, General Stores; James Boyle, Laundry; William Lunny, Payne Whitney; James Kerns, Building Service, and Fred Locker, Orderly.

If, When, and While It's News,
Please Send It to

THE PULSE

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COMING ATTRACTIONS "CENTER CINEMA"

(College Auditorium, Wednesdays,
12 Noon-1 P.M.)

- Dec. 20: Christmas Carols
Tennessee Holiday
- Dec. 27: Maryland
Economic Risks
- Jan. 3: A Date with West Virginia
X Marks the Spot
Ski Tips
- Jan. 10: Tomorrow's Mexico
(Others to be announced)
- Jan. 17: Operation Crossroads (Atom
Bomb Test)
(Others to be announced)
- Jan. 24: The Atom Strikes
Pennsylvania
- Jan. 31: New Jersey Journey
(Others to be announced)
- Feb. 7: Liberia (A full length film on
Africa's only republic)

Drs. Shorr, Papanicolaou Receive Outstanding Medical Honors



DR. SHORR

Dr. Ephraim Shorr has been awarded the Alvarenga Prize for 1950 by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia for "outstanding work" in shock. The prize, awarded annually, was established by the will of Pedro Francisco da Costa Alvarenga of Lisbon, Portugal, who was an associate fellow of the College of Physicians.

These studies on shock, which the prize citation states have "provided a clearer understanding of the mechanism of this important condition," were conducted by Dr. Shorr with Drs. Benjamin W. Zweifach, Silvio Baez, Robert F. Furchgott and Abraham Mazur, four of his colleagues in the Department of Medicine, Medical College. These studies were initiated during World War II under a contract with the Committee on Medical Research, Office of Scientific Research and Development, and continued with the support of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, Eli Lilly and Co. and the U.S. Public Health Service.

Investigations by Dr. Shorr and his colleagues revealed that two previously unknown factors which act on the capillary bed play an important and possibly critical role in the reaction to hemorrhagic and wound shock. One of these factors arises in the kidney and aids the body in its reaction to shock; the second factor comes from the liver and muscles and appears to be responsible for the

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DR. PAPANICOLAOU

Dr. George Papanicolaou, professor of clinical anatomy, Medical College, and a member of the Hospital research staff, is one of the 1950 Lasker Award winners for his "outstanding contributions to research related to cancer."

Frequently referred to as the medical equivalent of a Hollywood "Oscar," the Lasker Award includes a solid gold replica of the Winged Victory of Samothrace, symbolizing victory over death and disease, a \$1,000 cash award, and a hand illuminated citation. Formal presentation of the awards, established five years ago by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, took place at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in St. Louis on Oct. 31.

According to the citation, Dr. Papanicolaou's work "makes feasible for the first time a study of cancer prevention in human beings." Dr. "Pap," as he is known by his colleagues and technicians, has devised a test for detecting cancer at a very early stage — before the appearance of any physical symptoms — by means of a "wet smear" test of fluid discharges from the various organs of the body. Long ago, in his study of cells, he had concluded that the constant exfoliation or "sloughing off" of malignant cells into these natural fluids permits the early recognition of cancerous conditions. His finding a quick, accurate

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War Heroism Wins Nurse Dumaguing A "Present" From The President

Ask Fe R. Dumaguing, one of our private duty nurses, what she wants for Christmas and she'll answer: "I received my gift already — from President Truman."

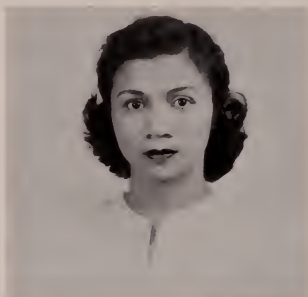
As far as this petite Filipino nurse is concerned, Christmas came on Sept. 23, the day that the President signed Public Law 976 allowing her to remain in this country and become a citizen.

For a young woman who spent two years as a spy among the Japanese occupation forces in the Philippines, waiting out the red tape connected with obtaining the right to become a U. S. citizen has been a minor inconvenience.

When you talk to this soft-spoken, almost doll-like young woman, it is hard to believe that she was a leading spirit in the famed Folsom Filipino-American Guerillas. She doesn't like to talk about those harrowing days, though, for it brings back memories of members of her family who were bayoneted by the Japs. It was to escape from those bitter memories that she left the Islands and came to the United States in the Fall of 1946.

Until the Japs came, Fe (pronounced Fay) lived the normal life of a girl from an urban Filipino family. She went to high school in her hometown, Baguio, a beautiful resort city about 80 miles from Manila, then attended the University of the Philippines for a year before entering the nursing school of the Baguio General Hospital. She was graduated in 1943 when the Japanese occupation was about a year old.

Soon afterwards, she was inducted into the 4th Infantry Regiment, Cushing Brigade of the Guerillas, whose commanding officer she had known since her childhood. In addition to her duties of caring for the regiment's sick and wounded, she was made intelligence officer. Certain, however, that she could be of greater service to the resistance, she became a nurse with a Japanese Army hospital on Luzon. For more than a year, her life in daily danger, she worked among the Japs, passing on scraps of information about their military movements as well as smuggling desperately needed medical supplies out of the enemy garrison to the guerillas. In De-



FE R. DUMAGUING

cember, 1944, the Nipponese became suspicious and questioned her but she was cleared. Soon after this narrow escape, Baguio was bombed by our planes in preparation for landings and Fe decided to return to the guerillas. When she got back to Baguio, she found that her mother, sister and brother-in-law had been bayoneted mortally for their refusal to betray her activities. Her father, though cruelly wounded, survived.

Later, when her guerilla chief gave orders for members of his command to serve with U. S. units then operating in northern Luzon, she worked in U. S. Army hospitals, namely the 41st Field, 31st General, 92nd Evacuation and 13th Station.

With the war's end, Miss Dumaguing began a correspondence that almost a year later resulted in her trip to America on a three-year student visa. She came directly here to take a four-month post-graduate course in obstetrics at our School of Nursing. Since her arrival, she has also been studying towards a degree at Hunter College.

Her determination to remain in this country hit a snag when she learned that with the Philippine independence, which pre-dated her arrival here, emigration to the U. S. was put on a quota basis and that the Philippine, like most quotas, was filled for many years to come. Her plight and that of many others who had served with the resistance and with U. S. forces was finally brought to the President's attention. Public Law 976 was enacted in their behalf.

"It's the best Christmas gift I've ever had," Fe declares.

If You've Wondered How Doctors Relax...

What little time they have to relax, Drs. N. Chandler Foot and Peter Riaboff of the Center staff put down their stethoscopes and scalpels and pick up their paint brushes.

Both were represented in the art exhibit of the New York Physicians Art Club held last month at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Foot, consultant in surgical pathology, Hospital, and professor emeritus of surgical pathology, College, and Dr. Riaboff, surgeon to out-patients, Department of Urology, Brady Foundation, were just two of some 75 doctors who exhibited paintings, sculptures, photographs and ceramics.

Two watercolors of Maine coastal scenes were Dr. Foot's contribution, while Dr. Riaboff showed two still-lives in oil, "Apples," and "Samovar." Another exhibitor was Dr. Gustave J. Noback, former associate professor of anatomy, College, whose plaster head of Dr. David P. Barr was one of the few sculptures on display. Dr. Noback is now professor of anatomy at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine.

For those of us whose leisure-time activities are far from aesthetic, we offer this observation by Dr. Foot which appeared in the exhibit guide: "I paint because I love it, because I like to record views and impressions and to enjoy the associations: how the day felt, how it smelt, how the gulls or other birds sounded, possibly the beat of the surf or the swish of the brook. Can a golfer say that about his vacation matches?"



DR. PAPANICOLAOU

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cancer test is seen as a major step in the diagnostic use of exfoliative cytology.

Look Magazine also "applauded" this distinguished Centerite in a recent issue.

A member of the Medical College faculty since 1914, Dr. "Pap" was born in Greece, earned a medical degree at the University of Athens, and later studied in other European medical centers. He came to the U.S. after service in the Medical Corps of the Greek Army during the Balkan War of 1912-13.

IN MEMORY OF COLUMBIA LOU



Photo by World-Telegram & Sun

Mrs. Lou Gehrig, widow of the Yankee baseball great, is shown with Laurence G. Payson as she presented to The New York Hospital the painting, "Atta Boy!," which shows her husband encouraging a youngster to field a ball. Mrs. Gehrig made her gift as a salute to the Hospital's research work in muscle diseases directed by Dr. Ade T. Milhorat. Her husband was a victim of one of these muscle diseases in 1941. The painting, now hung on N-4, is being reproduced by Brown & Bigelow for next year's calendars.

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

from

The Pulse Staff

DR. SHORR

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development of a condition which ultimately causes circulatory failure and prevents the beneficial response to transfusions.

With the importance of studies on shock pointed up by the Korean War, this team of investigators is continuing its active study of this vitally important problem.

Dr. Shorr, associate professor of medicine, Medical College, and long identified with teaching and research at the Hospital, directs the medical and research activities of the Endocrine Clinic, which has an international reputation in the field of metabolic and endocrine diseases. He also directs the Research Metabolism Ward of the Russell Sage Institute of Pathology on F-2E. Last year he received a gold pin for 25 years of service to the Center.

It's Time To Clean Your Literary "House"

Did you know that since 1920 the Patient's Library has distributed books free of charge to semi-private and pavilion patients? Did you know that at present from 1,000 to 2,000 books and magazines per month are distributed on these floors by volunteers working under the direction of the librarian, Mrs. Phyllis Brown?

As you can imagine, new magazines are very much in demand, but old or new, *The National Geographic*, *Popular Science* and *Popular Mechanics* are especially popular with patients.

There is a constant need, also, for new books and new copies of old favorites, according to Mrs. Brown. And books in any foreign language are welcome additions, too.

If you have any magazines or books you would like to donate to the Patient's Library, you can leave them either at the 68th Street entrance, Social Service Office (F-144) or the Patient's Library (F-2411). Please enclose your name and address so that your contribution may be acknowledged.

AN APPEAL FOR BLOOD

On several occasions unavoidable shortages of blood have endangered the lives of patients and have delayed necessary operations. That is why the Hospital is asking all who can to give blood at this time. Particularly critical at present is the need for RH negative blood, although there is a constant demand for all types. You will receive \$15 a pint if your blood contains the rare RH negative factor, \$5 if your blood is the more usual type.

Blood Bank physicians will not allow you to donate unless they find you in good health. Giving is easy, painless and takes less than an hour of your free time. The Blood Bank, located in F-531, is open daily from 1 to 9 P.M. Call Ext. 7364 for an appointment.

HOSPI-TALES

Congrats: To *Vincent Versaggi*, Accounting, who won second prize in an essay contest for members of a United Hospital Fund Accounting Seminar. One of 10 from NYH who have been attending the once-a-week course for hospital accountants, Vincent wrote about the Wheel-dex file system, used in several offices here. . . . To *Esther De Roche*, medical technician in Children's Clinic, who took first prize in a Newark News photography contest. Five times a prize-winner in newspaper photography contests, she's received two first-prizes this year alone. Her latest winning picture showed a woman artist painting at the wharves in Gloucester. . . . To *Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones*, president of the Joint Administrative Board, on his election as a vice-president of the Hospital Council of Greater New York. He was formerly on the board of directors. . . . To *Dr. Emerson Day*, associate professor of public health and preventive medicine at CUMC, who has been appointed to succeed *Dr. Elise S. L'Esperance* as director of the Kate Depew Strang Cancer Prevention Clinic, a part of Memorial Center. Dr. Day, who had also been director of the Cancer Detection Clinic in the Kips Bay-Yorkville District Health Center, has been succeeded in this position by *Dr. Thomas G. Rigney*, his former assistant.

Here and There: The last surviving member of the first class to be graduated from our School of Nursing, *Adele Marie Hodgson*, 1878, died on Oct. 31 at the age of ninety-seven. . . . The Hospital Glee Club gave its first concert under its new director, *Dr. Albert C. Sherwin*, assistant resident at Payne Whitney, on Dec. 12 and 13 in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence. The program included carols, popular songs and old favorites. . . . *Helen B. Lincoln*, record librarian, gave a paper on "Records in a War" at a joint meeting of the Association of Medical Record Librarians of New York, Westchester and Connecticut on Oct. 18. Miss Lincoln attended the National Conference of Medical Record Librarians in Boston the week of Oct. 23 held in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons. . . . April 21, 1951 has been

THE BIG BLOW-OUT

Who says "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good"?

The afternoon of the "big blow" of Nov. 25, Cushman Bakeries generously sent the Hospital a truckload of cakes and pies when their shops shut down because of the storm. The baked goods were distributed by the Nutrition Department to as many Hospital staff people as possible. Nurses living in the Residence also shared in the "treasure."

chosen as the next alumni reunion day of the Medical College.

Welcome Back: To *Dr. Leona Baumgartner*, pediatrician on the Hospital staff, and assistant professor, Medical College, who has returned to New York after more than a year's leave of absence during which time she served as associate chief of the Children's Bureau in the Federal Security Agency. Dr. Baumgartner has reassumed her position as Assistant Commissioner of Health in New York City.

A Big "Thank-You": To the United States Trust Company staff magazine for saluting us in a six-page picture story entitled "Modern Citadel of Healing" in a recent issue. Hope we can return the compliment one of these days.

Read All About It: The theories and work of our *Drs. Irving S. Wright* and *Aaron Kellner* are discussed in an article "Are You Eating Your Way to Arteriosclerosis?" in the Oct. 21 issue of Saturday Evening Post.

Sparkle Plenty: Engagements in the Nursing School know no season. . . . *Betty Benjamin*, '51, tells us she will be married to Merwyn McClintock and *Betty du Peza*, '52, has announced her plans to wed Harry A. Holmes. . . . *Julie Miller*, nurse in Dr. S. W. Moore's office, is engaged to Robert R. Carlson, who is with Young & Rubicam advertising agency.

Nuptial Knots: *Constance Brown*, social worker in Medicine, left us to be married on Nov. 11 to C. F. McCormack, an engineer, in Columbus, Ohio. . . . *Ramona Sousa*, Record Room, was married in Long Island on Nov. 25 to Joseph L. Camunas. . . . *Ethel Ferber* of the College Business Office recently became Mrs. Reuben Levy. . . . *Dr. Forbes Delaney*, head resident in Radiology, marched down the aisle Nov. 17 with Mary Straatsma of New Rochelle. . . . *Veronica Siccardi*, assistant head nurse on H-6, was married Oct. 28 to William Bruno, a law school graduate. The newlyweds are living in Chestnut Hill, Pa. . . . *Roslyn Guttentberg*, social worker in Pediatrics, is being married Dec. 17 to Dr. Arthur Gladstein, now at Mt. Sinai Hospital. . . . *Roy Gill*, 3rd year Med student, was married last month.

Stork Stops: *Douglas Kemme*, senior X-ray student, is the father of a baby girl. . . . More recent arrivals (proud poppas are all 4th year Med students): *James*, to the *Jay Skeltons*; *Judith*, to the *Robert Curtises*; *Peter*, to the *Ian MacKinnons*; *Carlton*, to the *Edwin Russells*. . . . Mrs. *James Murphy*, formerly *Catherine Martin* of the College Business Office, became a mother in October — her son's name is Mike. . . . The stork made a double stop at the Robert Buckners when *Mrs. Buckner*, formerly of the Record Room, gave birth to twin girls on Oct. 7.

Fall Festivities: NYH dietitians were hostesses for the canasta and bridge party meeting of the Greater New York Dietetic Association at the Nurses' Residence on Nov. 27. . . . The College Dining Room was temporarily turned into a television studio for a mythical station WOW, when the dietetic internes entertained the Nutrition staff at a rough and ready Hallowe'en Party deluxe. The program included everything from singing commercials to a dizzy dietetic round-table complete with impersonations of prominent staff members. Another high spot of the evening was a bona fide Hawaiian hula performed by *Bo Ock Lee*, who is well versed in that art of her native country.

Globe Trotters: *Barbara Derr*, a head nurse in the Operating Room: *Mar-*

garet Terry, supervisor in Pediatrics, and *Jeanette McGinn*, formerly of our nursing staff, returned Nov. 6 after a month in Italy. They flew to and from Italy but "did the country" by bus and train, got to know the people and felt that Italy is making good use of Marshall Plan Aid. They visited museums and shrines in all parts of Italy and were able to spend their last 10 days in Rome, where they shared in the festivities of the Holy Year. . . . Another pilgrim to Rome was *R. Louis Malloy*, Manager of Accounts, who also spent a month in Europe. He visited Naples, Genoa, Paris, Lourdes and Monte Carlo, where he "broke even," he says.

Hails: To *E. Ross Browne*, supervisor of orderlies, who came to us Oct. 23 from 4 years on the staff of Bellevue. An R.N. from Middletown (N. Y.) State Hospital. Mr. Browne's varied nursing career ranges from private duty to the supervision of first aid at the Consolidated Shipbuilding Corp. in the Bronx during the war. . . . To new members of the Nutrition staff: *Bo Ock Lee*, who recently returned from a short stay at her home in Hawaii after graduation from a dietetic internship at NYH, and *Rose Marie Couragen*, a Hood College graduate from Danville, Pa., dietitian on the Semi-Private floors. . . . To *Mrs. Slava Kohak*, the new Nursing School registrar, who replaces *Dorothy Dillmore*, now in the Secretary-Treasurer's office. . . . To another newcomer on the Nursing School staff, *Barbara Oldden*, who replaces *Mrs. Elizabeth Sloane* as assistant registrar. . . . To *Mrs. Virginia F. Muldoon*, new assistant to the director of public relations. . . . To *Mrs. Esther W. Bovarnick*, new aide in Nursing Public Relations and The Pulse office. . . . To *Edith Eversley*, former clerk in Accident Pavilion, who has been promoted to pavilion manager on H-6. She is being replaced by *Nadine Arnold*, formerly clerk on G-9.

Farewells: To *Dr. Cornelis W. de Kiewiet*, acting president of Cornell and a frequent visitor to the Center, who will become the fifth president of the University of Rochester next year. He will remain at Cornell until June. . . . To *Asa S. Knowles*, vice-president for university development and executive director of the Greater Cornell Food Campaign, who will take office shortly as president of the University of Toledo.

Ohio. . . . To *Mrs. Marie Ehn*, who was given a party by the staff of Central Laboratories in the H-2 solarium on the occasion of her retirement after serving the Center for 33 years. Mrs. Ehn started her career at the "Old" Cornell on 27th St. & First Ave. in 1917 with Dr. William C. Thro. She was presented with a framed picture of the Center signed by 74 of her friends and co-workers, a gold brooch, and a scrap book containing pictures of scenes and activities at "Old" Cornell and the present Center. Mrs. Ehn is planning a visit to her native Norway next Spring. . . . To *Lazarus Hochberg*, assistant head technician in the Department of Radiology, who is leaving after 14 years of service to become chief technician at Roosevelt Hospital. The Department's Christmas party tonight (the 15th) at the Hotel Diplomat is also a farewell party for him. . . . To *Vito Fodera*, also X-ray, who has become chief technician at Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn.

NURSING SCHOOL NOTES

The Nursing School came through with some fine Cornell spirit this football season. Fifty of the girls were an enthusiastic nucleus of the Cornell cheering section at the Cornell-Columbia game in New York on Nov. 4. Afterwards, the School held open house for all Cornellians in New York at the Nurses' Residence. The following Saturday 33 seniors, accompanied by *Miss Victoria Frederick*, counselor of students, went to Ithaca for the Colgate game and the Fall

Week End festivities. The girls were swamped with dates and are looking forward eagerly to another Cornell weekend. . . . *Jean McCormack*, '52, was chairman of the semi-formal Student Organization dance held Dec. 9. . . . The A.A. has begun the volley ball season. . . . The Newman Club began its series of lectures on medical ethics and morals with a talk on "Why Be Moral at All?" by Father Mulcahey of Fordham University. The Student Organization will hold its Annual Christmas program Dec. 21 to be followed by an Open House. . . . Watch for the Class of '51's "Gay Nineties Revue" in January!

FROM WESTCHESTER

Wedding Bells: It was an all-Westchester Division wedding when *Helen C. Weldon* and *John W. Dean* were married Nov. 19 at St. John's Church, White Plains. Miss Weldon has been on the staff for about 20 years, the last ten in the Business Office. Mr. Dean, now head of the Business Office, has been employed there since 1915. Mrs. Dean has taken up new duties as a full-time housewife following the newlyweds' honeymoon in Bermuda.

Party Patter: Ten staff nurses were hostesses at a dance for patients of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Veterans Hospital in Peekskill on Nov. 3, sponsored by White Plains Red Cross Chapter. . . . A Halloween square dance for all personnel was held in the Student Nurses' House on Oct. 27.

Retirements: Three members of the staff retired on Nov. 1 after long and loyal service: Nurses *David Bradford* and *Florence Adamson* retired after 41 years and 25 years, respectively, and *Fanny Roberson*, psychiatric aide, retired with 14 years of service.

CHEF HARRIS DIES

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tients floors. It was on Nov. 23, his day off from this position, that he suffered a stroke from which he never regained consciousness.

Highly respected and popular with all who worked with him, Chef Harris' food preparation made him "second to none," to quote one of the dietitians. Just as conscientious about his attendance, he never averaged more than one absence a year during his long service and was a "regular" at Anniversary Service Dinners.

FOR OPERA LOVERS

If you have always wanted to go to the Opera in style, here's your big opportunity at bargain prices.

This season, the House Committee of the Nurses' Residence is offering not only nurses and student nurses but all of us at the Center the chance to secure seats in their parterre box at the "Met." There are four seats available to each of eight future Saturday night performances during December through March. The tickets, priced at \$6.25, would be \$7.50 if you stepped up to the box office. Call ext. 421 for further information.



President John Hay Whitney presents a President's Chair to Miss Parker.

A group of 25-year award recipients sit with Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, president of the Joint Administrative Board and C. Douglas Dillon, a governor of the Hospital. (L. to R.): Mrs. Dorothy R. Duerschner, bacteriologist in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, College; Dr. Bayne-Jones; Dr. Preston A. Wade; Mose Singleton, iceman in Engineering Dept.; Mr. Dillon; Vincent Toscani, research fellow in medicine, College; Samuel Johnson, silver man in Nutrition Dept., and Dr. Michael Lake. Those bottles you see on the table contained a beverage far more spirited than ginger ale and were Mr. Payson's contribution to a memorable evening.



SERVICE AWARD DINNER

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"It takes 10 or 15 years to become part of a big institution like this and to realize what it means to one, and it takes 25 years to get as sentimental and old as I am so that your pride does not keep you from standing before your friends and saying that it's a wonderful place and it means a great deal to you," he observed.

"This hospital is made great by the people who work in it, who work for it and who are part of it. It takes a good many years to realize what this institution does for us and what it means to us. . . . We make up this hospital. This hospital couldn't get along without us — but neither can we get along without this hospital."

Reminiscing about the old Hospital where he interned, Dr. Wade recalled that Mose Singleton, iceman in Engineering and another 25-year award recipient, ran one of the two elevators in the building; that Dr. Lucy M. Crawford, surgeon to out-patients, "taught me how to take care of an injured person"; that Jimmy Marone of Information used to hold forth at night in the main office and "always checked us in no matter how late we were on our nights off." He paid tribute to Fred Franz of the doctors' coatroom as "one of the finest characters I have ever had the pleasure to know."

Another speaker was Arthur H. Dean, chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Cornell.